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Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 9:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Sheena Frève, Steve Lazzara (on behalf of Curt

Paddock), Heather Tabbert, Jane Turley, Todd Vanadilok, Mark VanKerkhof, Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma, Angela Zubko.

Members Absent: Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Dave

Galowich (Vice-Chair), John Norquist, Arnold Randall, Elaine Romas, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Eric Waggoner, Nathaniel Werner,

Norm West, Nancy Williamson.

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Randy Blankenhorn, Brian

Peterson, Emily Plagman, Elizabeth Schuh, Andrew Williams-Clark.

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley (UIC), Mike Walczak (Northwest Council of Mayors).

1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

2.0a: Emily Plagman, from CMAP's policy division, gave an update of the legislation CMAP is following. (The State Legislative Update that was current at the time of Emily's presentation is here, but the most current CMAP State Legislative Update is here.)

Randy Blankenhorn was asked for his opinion about the potential for a capital plan for the State. He responded that he had heard a lot of talk about one (but hadn't necessarily seen concrete progress toward one yet). Emily added that CMAP's policy division is tracking this important issue, and will report any developments.

2.0b: Drew Williams-Clark gave an unscheduled update on the GO TO 2040 plan update, specifically on the Financial Plan Update and Proposed Major Capital Projects, which were discussed at the Land Use Committee meeting the previous month.

Drew was asked whether some issues involving IDOT that came up during his presentation to the committee in March had been resolved. Drew answered that they had.

3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – March 19, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2014, was made by Mark VanKerkhoff and seconded by Adrienne Wuellner. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Upcoming Call for Projects – Bob Dean, CMAP

Bob announced the upcoming call for projects, which is set to open May 2 and close June 26. He also gave details on GreenTown Chicago, on May 21-22, which is intended to provide potential applicants with an opportunity to learn about successful Local Technical Assistance projects from around the region.

Bob was asked for a list of communities that have applied, so that CMAP's partners can know, especially, who has not applied in the past. Bob responded that he could, and especially could provide a list of priority communities (such as communities from the southern suburbs that haven't applied before).

5.0 O'Hare Freight-Manufacturing Subregional Drill Down - Elizabeth Schuh, CMAP

The Freight-Manufacturing Nexus report identifies the O'Hare area as one of two locations in the region where there is a co-location of concentrated freight and manufacturing activity. Supporting these concentrated freight and manufacturing areas is critical to the region's economic competitiveness over the long term. Liz provided the committee with an overview of the findings and next steps, and answered questions from committee members.

One member commented that he knew that O'Hare has not had the capacity to be able to handle additional air freight, and suggested that CMAP should look into this problem.

Another member noted that it would be good to have some acknowledgement of the need to address local cost issues so that they can access available resources and tools instead of off-shoring.

Another member asked about focus on getting the workforce to work. Liz responded that the "last mile" is the key issue, and one which CMAP's Freight Committee will be focusing on next years.

One member asked about whether policy staff that prepared this report collaborated with Local Technical Assistance (LTA) staff that have worked in communities within this study area. Liz responded that this collaboration had occurred, and that LTA staff contributed to parts of the report.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Village of Worth Planning Priorities Report - Stephen Ostrander, CMAP

The Village of Worth is a small southwestern suburb that has struggled to find its path on the road to economic revitalization. While possessing assets, such as a centrally-located Metra station, new young families moving in, and a growing number of Arab-American

businesses, Worth also faces many challenges in its commercial areas, such as small lots, numerous facades needing upgrades, and poor streetscape conditions.

Following an extensive study of existing conditions and uncertain community priorities, CMAP staff is nearing completion of its planning priorities report, which is aimed at helping the community determine its priorities and next steps for future planning. Stephen provided an overview of the main findings. (Since then, the draft planning priorities report has been forwarded and discussed with the Village.)

7.0 Other Business

Steve Lazzara introduced Elaine Bottomley, the Will County Planning Department's new intern from UIC.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee is scheduled to meet next on May 21, 2014.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Liaison

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